

# Quote

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## MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

[1] Sen ALEXANDER WILEY (R-Wis) *speaking in support of Sen Taft's informal proposal for "a NATO of the Pacific."*: "We have separate treaties with Australia, New Zealand, Japan and the Philippines. The time is coming when all of these nations should be drawn, along with England and France, into a Pacific protective unit." . . . [2] CHAS E WILSON, Sec'y of Defense, *warning against wasteful practice of relaxing our defenses when world news takes a turn for the better*: "It's an old story. We drop down to pitiful levels, then wake up to our danger, and open wide the purse." . . .

[3] SHERMAN ADAMS, Assistant to Pres Eisenhower: "At the moment of a Korean truce, we shall still be in danger. There is nothing in the terms of such a truce that would give any permanent relief in the ominous threat which confronts the free world." . . .

[4] STANLEY GIERAT, chmn exec comm, Polish Armed Forces in Exile: "Ours is an ironic position."

### Quote of the Week

Pres DWIGHT D EISENHOWER, in a letter to Pres Syngman Rhee, of the Republic of Korea: "The unification of Korea is an end to which the U S is committed. . . We remain determined. . . But we do not intend to employ war as an instrument to accomplish the world-wide political settlements to which we are dedicated. . . It was indeed a crime that those who attacked from the north invoked violence to unite Korea under their rule. . . I urge that your country not embark upon a similar course."

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Altho we fought on the side of the victors in the last war, we cannot ret'n home. We won a war and lost a land." . . . [5] MOHAMMED ALI, Prime Minister of Pakistan: "Englishmen shake hands with Pakistanis, wish them well—and then look nervously around to see if any Indian is watching."

THIRTEENTH YEAR OF PUBLICATION



Benj Franklin once said, "There is no such thing as a good war, or a bad peace." There remains, however, the distinct possibility of an inconclusive truce—a forced ceasefire, from which may spring subsequent discord and disaster.

On June 25 we shall mark the 3rd anniv of the Korean War (UN forces recently passed the 1000th day of action on Korean soil.) Desire to end the bloodshed is understandable. And we must appreciate that U S leaders have been under terrific pressure from other mbrs of the UN (Britain and France, in particular) to bring the fighting to an end.

As these lines are written the precise terms of a pending truce are unknown. Leaving aside the primary issue of Korea and its future, we may speculate briefly on possible consequences of a truce at this time.

If a truce agreement results now, it will be on a Communist time-

table. Why should the Reds wish a halt in active hostilities at this precise moment? One significant reason might be to undermine defense efforts in the free world. Our own defense budget is now ripe for legislative approval. A truce, carefully timed by the Communists, might well strengthen those who wish to see appropriations decisively pared. Certainly it is no secret that defense contributions are straining Britain and France. They would welcome an excuse to lighten their burdens.

Moreover, a truce-in-fact would surely affect the atmosphere of the coming Bermuda Conference. The President might more readily be persuaded to accept a meeting of Western leaders with Malenkov.

Assuredly there will be pressure at Bermuda by the European leaders for recognition of Red China. England and France assert (with some logic) that they face economic stalemate. They must trade to live. Their mkts are America (with its tightening barriers)—or the Soviet realm.

What are we going to do about all this? See your daily newspapers for a continuation of this suspense-packed drama.



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"He who never quotes, is never quoted"  
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Charles F. Johnson



#### AGE—1

Maturity means increasing the area of one's interests, awareness, and love. . . It is this exciting business of becoming increasingly alive that keeps old age from being a tragedy.—PAUL CALVIN PAYNE, *Presbyterian Life*.

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A man has reached middle age when he doesn't have to wrinkle his brow. Nature starts putting wrinkles in his face. — *Wesleyan Christian Advocate*.

#### AMERICA—Destiny—2

Let us call it the American chore. "Manifest destiny" sounds too corny. "Historic mission" sounds too arrogant, dictatorial, and self-appointed for a task requiring humility and service to others. The American chore is to save the free world—and thereby ourselves also—from the "communist" aggressors. Acting not as "patriots" in any narrow sense of the word. Not primarily as nationalists nor as capitalists. Acting as servants of the old, true, basic values of the free world.—PETER VIERECK, *Shame and Glory of the Intellectuals* (Beacon).

#### ATOMIC AGE—3

Man used to wonder why the stars shine. Now he knows. He even knows how to create a little ephemeral star on earth. But he does not yet know whether this star is to light the doom of all his culture, all his hopes, and all his civilization.—*N Y Times*.

#### BEHAVIOR—4

Some folks pay a compliment as tho it cost money.—*Pipe Dreams*, hm, Universal Concrete Pipe Co.

#### CHILD—Training—5

Successful disciplinarians among parents are those who have the courage of their restrictions.—MARCELENE COX, *Ladies' Home Jnl*.

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Our best insurance is to go even further in training the child to think for himself, to venture and invent to the full limits of his capacity. In any test of strength he is far superior to the commanded robot.—PAUL LANDIS, "Our Way Ahead," *Clearing House*, 5-53.

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A demagogue  
Creates a fog  
By monologue.

—*Freedom & Union*. 6

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#### COMMUNISM—7

The greatest threat of our country today is not war with godless communism. It is that we should come to peace with communism on a godless basis.—Editorial, *Christian Action*.

#### DEBT—8

Americans owe \$82 billion on mortgages, installment purchases, and other short-term debts, compared with \$24 billion at the close of World War II.—*Dep't of Commerce report*.

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**Washington**  
**LES & LIZ CARPENTER**

Row pends in Congress over GOP effort to enlarge U S Tariff Commission to 7 mbrs. It's always been 6 who, by law, must be 3 Demo's, 3 Republicans. Advocates of change argue there have been too many 3-3 decisions—leading to impasse. Demo's will strongly fight the change.

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*Golf ace Gene Sarazen rept's Pres Eisenhower told him he shot "85 or 84" recently. Asked if he gave like any golfing tips, diplomatic Sarazen ans'd: "Certainly not; he doesn't need any."*

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The White House may soon issue an executive order to force U S employes to pay back income taxes. Because of an existing regulation forbidding the attachment of fed'l salaries for taxes, gov't workers owe millions and get away with it.

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*U S Treasurer Ivy Baker Priest, whose signature is on all currency engraved since she took office, is autographing dollar bills a 2nd time for friends and telling them, "Now you're in the Ivy League."*

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After a jr high school class toured the White House, a teacher asked each student to write impressions of the visit. One boy penned: "I was especially glad to have this opportunity to visit my future home."

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## EDUCATION—9

When one considers the variety of persons who find fault with the colleges, it is wonderful that these wicked institutions survive—not only survive, but increase in numbers and importance as decades go by.—HOWARD MUMFORD JONES, "How Much Academic Freedom?" *Atlantic*, 6-'53

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Education fails when it does not show the present generation how to distinguish a bright new idea from an old mistake proved harmful many centuries ago.—G C C *Sidelights*, hm, Gen'l Credit Corp'n.

## FOLLY—Wisdom—10

Every man is a fool for at least 5 minutes a day. Wisdom consists in not exceeding the time limit.—*Times of Brazil*, Sao Paulo.

## FREEDOM—11

It is no more reasonable to damn our economic system because freedom permits men to abuse their opportunities under that system, than it would be to charge the Church with responsibility for the sins of men who, in exercising that same freedom, refuse to abide by the teachings of the Church.—ALFRED P HAAKE, *Faith & Fact* (Stackpole).

## GOD—and Man—12

Whatever your theology, you will find it hard to disagree with the colored preacher who told his congregation, "There's an election going on all the time. The Lord votes for you and the Devil votes against you, and you casts the deciding vote."—KVP *Philosopher*, hm, Kalamazoo Vegetable Parchment Co.

# Mining The Magazines



Chicago is to have another try at a mag to reflect the city and environs. Titled, logically enough, *Chicago*. Seems to be the old story of an ebullient newsman mesmerizing socialites to whom printers' ink is an exotic *parfum*. (In the current Chicago fold, Mrs Borden Stevenson, ex-wife of Adlai.) For a fictional but realistic acc't of how such ventures commonly go, turn to early chapters of Christopher Morley's *Kitty Foyle*. Idea has been tried many times in the U S, the only conspicuous success being, of course, the *New Yorker*. It achieved solvency only by going "national" with numerous and liberal transfusions from the Fleischmann bank-roll.

Suspension of 2 new chain-distributed family mags made interesting gossip for the industry in late May. Macfadden's *Family Life*, distributed thru variety chains, began publication in April. The Ideal entry, *Today's Family*, has been sold thru Woolworth stores since Feb. Both publishers blamed "distribution problems." Nut of the matter: Store mgrs would not co-operate in properly servicing the magazine racks, and publishers could exercise no direct control over them. Supervision expense proved too heavy an item. Macfadden is working on "new distribution plans" to solve the problem. From Ideal, no comment.

No Martians are likely to descend upon the planet Earth in

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Our friendly contemporary, and unfailing copy source, *Edinburgh* (Scotland) *Evening News* relays a missive rec'd by a British packing firm from a dark-skinned gentleman on the African Gold Coast: "I am posting 2 shillings postal order to you to send me seeds of the following: garden peas, fresh apple puree, tomatoes, purple egg plums and baked beans."

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the discernable future. This for the rather conclusive reason that the traditional "man from Mars" apparently just doesn't exist. "A desert in the stratosphere over the North Pole of the Earth would have a climate like that of Mars," says Gerard de Vaucouleurs, who, in May *Scientific American*, summarizes the scraps of knowledge gleaned on the distant planet (about 35 million mi's from us—150 times farther away than the Moon.) Only low forms of plant life may live on the planet.

England is a little annoyed by U S handling of Coronation on TV. Writing in *The People*, British Sunday newspaper, Gilbert Harding criticises our ad interludes. Points out that Eisenhower inaugural was presented without commercial intervention; similar courtesy should have been extended to Britain in her historic ceremony.

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In moments of discouragement or defeat, or even despair, there are always certain things to cling to. Little things, usually: remembered laughter, the face of a sleeping child, a tree in the wind, in fact any reminder of something deeply felt or dearly loved. No man is so poor as not to have many of these small candles. And when they are lighted, darkness goes away.—ARTHUR GORDON, *Roebling Record*, hm, John A Roebling's Sons Corp'n. 13

#### **HAPPINESS—14**

No one can know real happiness, or real success with a healthy bank acc't and a sick soul.—WAYNE A JOHNSTON, pres, Illinois Railroad.

#### **IRONY—15**

School, says the cynic, is the place the young should be taught that it's more respectable to uphold established injustice than to agitate for public improvement.—*Boston Globe*.

#### **LEADERSHIP—16**

The natives of the Gilbert Islands, deep in the Pacific south of Hawaii, have a proverb: "Small is the voice of a chief." That meant, in gen'l, says Sir Arthur Grimble, who served long as British Commissioner there, that gentleness and courtesy should walk hand in hand with power. That is something for every exec to remember. Strength should be expressed with gentleness. — *Curtis Courier*, hm, Curtis 1000 Inc.

#### **LOVE—17**

There is no greater folly than to try to be reasonable about love.—*La Femme et la Vie*, Paris (QUOTE translation).

#### **MAN—Future—18**

Man as a race does not know what his limits are, where his

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boundaries lie. The race has constantly surprised itself by discovering that limits are not limits but ways: that the ocean is not an obstacle but a highway, that the forest is not a dark and threatening barrier, but a useful source of food, light and shelter.—JOS J FIREBAUGH, "Freedom and Humanities," *Educational Forum*, 5-'53.

#### **MARRIED LIFE—19**

If you want your wife to pay att'n to what you say, address your remarks to another woman.—*Round Table*.

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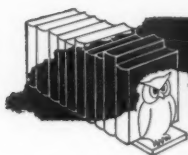
Courtship is the moonlight of love. Marriage is the electric light bill.—GALEN DRAKE, Radio program.

#### **MODERN AGE—20**

It was the day of the big snow. Roads were impassable. There was no mail. No deliveries. Finally the frantic young mother telephoned to her own mother, "The diaper service hasn't come, mummy! Is it all right if I do them myself?"—BERNARDINE KIELTY, *Ladies' Home Journal*.

#### **MONEY—21**

If there has been one god universally acknowledged, universally worshipped, in all ages and countries, it is money.—W MACNIELE DIXON, *Our Human Situation* (Longman's).



## Book Briefs

Our tasty award for Subtlety in Titling—a heart-shaped pincushion with “ouch” embroidered on its face—goes now to Polly Adler for *A House is Not a Home* (Rinehart). Our conjecture, however, is that Madam Adler may have proved a mite too subtle. Potential purchasers of this tome (and their name is American Legion) could pass it up in the belief that it is a prose treatment of a theme celebrated in verse by Edgar A. Guest. Such an assumption is somewhat wide of the mark. Some persons who would just as soon forget will nevertheless readily recall that Polly Adler long operated one of the most richly publicised brothels in the N Y environs. This is the surprisingly well written story of her life. A remarkable book in several respects, including the Scandalnavian.

For some time now, an elusive pixey character has been bombarding the publishing industry with instructive brochures on the Care and Culture of the Book Business. The author's points are pungent and penetrating; he shows an intimate knowledge of the problems of book production and distribution. But no one can quite figure what it's all about. There's no sales pitch whatever. Brochures bear only the cryptic initials, “E. A.” In an industry where the vendors of services are not renowned for reticence, the mailings create an interesting topic of gossip.

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A classified ad in a Chicago newspaper projects a “rare opportunity to learn the publishing business.” There is, however, a catch in it. The advertiser goes wistfully on to append a condition: “Applicant must have some ability.”

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Generally speaking, dictionaries are not written; they are compiled from other dictionaries. But editor Guralnik, of *Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language* (World Pub Co) insists that his is a “blank paper” creation. Every word has been freshly defined in the tempo of the times. The 142,000 entries include a lot of words and terms that Noah never knew. There are, of course, definitions of “cold war” and “atomic age” as well as such lighter idiom as “carry a torch” “second guess” and “double take.” And, oh yes, of course, “the \$64 question.” Looks like quite a bargain at \$5, or \$6 for thumb-indexed edition.

Best Sellers of the summer season: The Holy Bible (Revised Standard Version) and the murder mysteries of Mickey Spillane. Consensus of delegates attending ABA convention in Chicago.

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Cecil John Rhodes

It is said of Cecil Rhodes, whose 100th anniv we are soon to mark, that he gave the world a new chapter in the romance of wealth. As a youth Rhodes went to S Africa for his health. By a fortunate strike in the Kimberley diamond mines, he became independently wealthy at the age of 18. The remainder of his life was devoted chiefly to the development of S Africa, "for the glory and enrichment of the British Empire."

There is currently a move to federate the 3 territories of S Rhodesia, N Rhodesia and Nyasaland into a single area, bearing the name "Rhodesia," honoring this far-sighted statesman. Stamp collectors, incidentally, are quite excited over the many commemorative issues honoring Cecil Rhodes.

Our excerpt is from the capitalist's will, setting aside a fund for Rhodes scholarships:

I desire to encourage and foster an appreciation of the advantages which will result from the union of the English-speaking peoples throughout the world, and to encourage in the students from the United States of America an attachment to the country from which they have sprung without, I hope, withdrawing them or their sympathies from the land of their adoption or birth. . . (It is my belief that) educational. relations make the strongest tie.

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#### PERFECTION—22

Perfection is a trifle dull. It is not the least of life's ironies that this, which we all aim at, is better not quite achieved. — W SOMERSET MAUGHAM, *The Summing Up* (Doubleday).

#### PERSPECTIVE—23

If we occasionally had to walk in the other fellow's shoes, perhaps we wouldn't criticize his gait. —*Instrumentalist.*

#### POPULATION—24

It is estimated that the expansion of U S population, during 1950-60 will take this form: Under age 10, 12.8% increase; 10 to 19, 39.7% increase; 20 to 44, 2.8% increase; 45 to 64, 20.1% increase; 65 and over, 39% increase.—*Joint Congressional Comm on Economic Development.*

#### PRODUCTION—25

By bringing the good things of life to the great bulk of the population, science and technology have done more to obliterate class distinctions than have all the labors of the world's utopian and socialist dreamers.—JOHN T RETTALIATA, pres, Ill Institute of Technology.

#### PROGRESS—26

Esthetic progress is not simply forward in time but inward in awareness of expressive possibilities and their enduring substance, not novelties, but consequences of knowledge.—PETER YATES, *Arts & Architecture.*

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You cannot freeze progress unless you have already achieved perfection. — EZRA TAFT BENSON, Sec'y of Agriculture, *American Forests.*



# Pathways to the Past



Week of  
July 5-11

## Boy Scout Nat'l Jamboree (10-16) Nat'l Iced Tea Time (10-18)

**July 5**—175 yrs ago Geo Rogers Clark captured Kaskaskia, in Illinois territory, a feat which won him the nickname, "The Washington of the West". . . Cecil John Rhodes, British S African statesman, financier, empire bldr, b 100 yrs ago.

**July 6** — *Feast of St Thomas More* ("the ideal Christian" canonized, 1935.)

**July 7** — "According to Hoyle" took on new significance 115 yrs ago, as Edw Hoyle published a revised and improved edition of his classic, *Rules for the Playing of Fashionable Games*. . . America's 1st draft call, under the War Conscription Bill of 1863, was made 90 yrs ago today. . . Hawaii became a U S territory 55 yrs ago. . . It was 25 yrs ago that Helen Wills ("Little Poker Face") won the French women's tennis championship. She then took the English title and won the Wightman Cup matches.

**July 8**—Police uniforms were authorized by the Common Council of N Y 260 yrs ago. The mayor was ordered to provide police with "a coat of ye city livery, with a badge of ye city arms, shoes and stockings, and charge it to ye acct of the city". . . Ferdinand, Count von Zeppelin, inventor of the dirigible that bears his name, b 115 yrs ago. . . 100 yrs ago today Com-

mander Matthew C Perry entered Tokyo Bay with 4 American men-of-war and began negotiations that eventually opened Japan to Western trade.

**July 9**—Something that may surprise you: 75 yrs ago, Henry Tribbe, Washington, Mo, was issued a patent for commercial manufacture of corncob pipes. . . Distinguished Service Cross and Medal authorized by Congress 35 yrs ago.

**July 10** — Sir Wm Blackstone, English jurist, b 230 yrs ago. To this day his name is revered, and his *Commentaries on the Laws of England* studied by aspiring legal lights. . . 50 yrs ago we were experiencing a slight recession in a period of gen'l prosperity. Folks called it "the rich man's panic".

**July 11**—155 yrs ago today the U S Marines were made a permanent organization. But Marines had attained previous distinction, having served valorously in the Revolutionary War. . . John Wanamaker, merchant prince, b 115 yrs ago. . . 110 yrs ago came the period of the Great Comet, so bright that its tail was clearly visible at noon. (Now generally conjectured to have been a sun-grazing fragment of a larger body.) The phenomenon brought many converts to Millerism, a cult that forecast an early end of the world.

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## "Of all things!"

The 90th anniv of our 1st military draft call (July 7) provides the occasion for some interesting observations on the history of Conscription in these United States. The Conscription bill of 1863, on which this call was based, was a rather loose document, with many loopholes. Exemptions could be bought for \$300, and "buying out" was a practice quite generally followed. The nation needed money more urgently than men. In simple justice it should be pointed out that many purchased exemptions, not thru fear of battle, but because they had no wish to take up arms against fellow countrymen of the South.

Conscription in the United States is almost as old as our Constitution. It was authorized in 1792 "effectually to provide for the Nat'l Defense by establishing a uniform militia thruout the United States." Every free, ablebodied white male citizen, aged 18 to 45 was required to be enrolled in the militia of the United States, and to supply himself with a gun and not less than 24 cartridges suited to the bore of his musket. However, there was no penalty for non-observance. The law left the militia in command of the states.

Once, back in 1814, we came close to a Conscription bill with teeth in it. The Senate and House passed separate measures. Before a joint committee could iron out the differences, a Treaty of Peace was signed at Ghent.

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## RELIGION—27

"While stars abide, astronomies change" is a true analogy, so far as it goes, of every realm of human life and thought, religion not least of all. No existent theology can be a final formulation of spiritual truth. . . As for me, it is the experience itself in which I find my certainty, while my theological interpretations I must, in all humility, hold with tentative confidence.—HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK, pastor emeritus, Riverside Church, N Y C. 490 Riverside Pk.

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Religion ought never to be used merely as a tool to the acquisition of health, or wealth, or any other value.—GEORGIA HARKNESS, *The Religious Life* (Ass'n Press).

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We define religion as the assumption that life has meaning.—ROLLO MAY, *Man's Search for Himself* (Norton).

## SAFETY—28

A sexy color picture of a woman's lovely leg was passed around by the plant safety director to his workers for their whistled appreciation. Then he made a simple statement: "Looks good, doesn't it? But it makes no impression on a blind man."

That one comment was worth a thousand lectures on eye safety.

Another safety director was equally simple, equally dramatic. He took a handful of glass eyes out of his pocket, passed them around, and said, "We furnish these eyes in all different colors. But we prefer that you use goggles while you work." — RALPH G MARTIN, "Safest City in America," *Pageant*, 6-'53.

## SCIENCE—Religion—29

The advances of science serve to clear away the cobwebs of superstition which darken the mind. It thereby opens human thought to vaster vistas of wonder. As we outgrow some mysteries we grow into greater. To the astronomer with his telescope, even more than to the Psalmist with his naked eye, do the heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament show his handiwork. Science enlarges the area of faith and increases the role of religion.—RALPH W SOCKMAN, *How to Believe* (Doubleday).

## SEXES—30

The origin of the English word "woman" indicates that the female's very right to social existence was esteemed in terms of her secondary relationship to the male, for the word was originally "wif-man," that is, "wife-man," the wife of the man; in the 14th century the *f* was dropped and the word became "wiman," and later on "woman."—ASHLEY MONTAGU, *The Natural Superiority of Women* (Macmillan).

## SIN—31

A penitent, living on an island, came to confession on the mainland. He had to admit that it was a yr since his last confession. The priest suggested that he should go more often.

"Father," said the man, "I can't afford the time for the crossing by boat."

"Then come by plane," said the priest. "The new service is now open."

"Father," the man said, "an airplane is too expensive for venial sins and too risky for mortal sins."  
—Priest.

## STRENGTH—Weakness—32

I would much rather have a strong man for my enemy than a weak one; almost all the mischief in the world is done by weakness, which employs treacherous cunning to compensate for its lack of power.—SYDNEY J HARRIS, *Chicago Daily News*.

## UNITED NATIONS—33

During the grueling month of August '50, when the Security Council was arguing the Korean question, a visitor to Lake Success asked Warren Austin how he could sit and listen to so much talk and wrangling.

"Madame," said the ambassador, "it is better for aged diplomats to get ulcers than for young men to get shot." — A H FELLER, *United Nations & World Community* (Little, Brown).

## WAR—Peace—34

In the end, men will always see the point, and in the end they will see the point of disarmament if they wish to avoid war, as they saw the point of sanitation when they wished to avoid the plague.—C E M JOAD, *New Outlook*.

## WORLD TRADE—35

People say "Trade, not Aid," but the Russians have their Iron Curtain so we should not sell to them. And you Americans have your Trade Curtain so we cannot sell to you.—*Western European Exporter*.

## YOUTH—36

The young are always ready to give those who are older than themselves the full benefit of their inexperience.—*Times of Brazil*, Sao Paulo.

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# Good Stories.....

you can use

In N Y, kindly Harry Hansen undertook to show the sights to a Nebraska farm girl who had never before been east of the Wide Missouri River. A trip to the top of the Empire State Bldg would prove an eye-opener, figured Harry, so up they went. "Observe!" ordered the distinguished cicerone. "Down there is J P Morgan's house and the Chrysler Bldg. Northward looms Radio City and, beyond it, Central Park. There are Macy's emporium and the Great White Way. And yonder the *Queen Elizabeth* is picking her way down the Hudson, headed for the open sea!" The Nebraska lass observed all, then contributed her first remark to the festivities. "I guess all towns look pretty much alike, don't they?" — BENNETT CERF, *Sat Review*. a

Movie producer Sam'l Goldwyn was looking for a young actress to play a role in a forthcoming picture.

"The girl who plays this part must have a wholesome, natural beauty," he told an ass't. "She must have the green of the trees in her eyes, the snow of the mountain top in her teeth, the blush of the rose on her cheek."

"But Mr Goldwyn," protested the ass't. "There's no such thing as a natural beauty in Hollywood."

"All right, then," said the producer. "We'll use a little makeup." — E E EDGAR, *St Louis Post-Dispatch*. b

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## I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

HENNA AROND ZACKS

Miss Levert, our office cynic, is proud of her "realistic" attitude toward life and people. When Miss Raymond, an attractive young co-worker, burst in excitedly, after ret'g from vacation, Miss Levert grumpily asked what was making her so happy.

"Well," began Miss Raymond, her eyes shining, "I met the most wonderful man . . ."

"Don't be a little fool," scoffed Miss Levert. "Nothing ever comes of those vacation romances."

"Perhaps you're right," ans'd Miss Raymond thoughtfully. And then, extending her hand to flaunt a shiny new wedding band, she said, "but *please* don't let my husband know that!"

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A truck driver, hauling clay for a fill, backed his truck too far over the dump grade. The weight of the load being dumped lifted the front end of the truck several ft off the ground.

"Now, what are you going to do?" an associate asked.

The driver eased out of the cab to contemplate his plight. "Well," he said, "I think I'll grease it—I'll never get a better chance." — RICHARD GATES, *True*. c

# Wise Cracks

In a small Texas town where all phones were on party lines, and neighbors listened in for mi's, everyone was disturbed by the prolonged dry spell. One night Old Ed, a shrewd cattle rancher got a call from a Kansas City buyer who said:

"Understand you've got some steers to sell."

"Well, now," dickered Ed, "I'm not sure I want to sell right now—"

"Ed, for heaven's sake!" broke in an agonized voice from the party line, "you sell them steers! You know you ain't got no grass."—Mrs WILLIS JOHNSON, *Rotarian*. d

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The newly engaged kindergarten teacher was justly proud of her sparkling solitaire, and enjoyed showing it to all who asked her for the privilege of seeing it. Bruce, one of her pupils, asked to see it one day, and then he said, "Is it a real ring?"

"Why, certainly," repl'd the teacher.

"Well, then," he said, "let's see it squirt water."—NORMA SCHULTZ, *Christian Science Monitor*. e

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"Wayne, tell the ladies what you do before each meal," said grandmother who was proud that the little boy could ask the blessing.

Repl'd Wayne with disgust: "Take cod liver oil."—*Community Tidings*. f

Most women want to hear the truth—no matter how flattering it is.—FRANKLIN P JONES.

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Judging by present construction prices, every house is the "house that jack built."—KAY INGRAM.

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The grass may look greener next door, but it's just as hard to cut. —Grit.

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The pioneer mother had her troubles with marauding Indians, ferocious bears and no conveniences, but she never went thru a rainy Sat with the television on the blink.—Hartford Courant.

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Golf is a lot like taxes—you drive hard to get to the green and then wind up in the hole.—Fifth Wheel, hm, *Indiana Motor Truck Ass'n*.

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A woman is young until she takes more interest in the fit of her shoes than in the fit of her sweater. —RAYMOND DUNCAN, *Ellaville (Ga) Sun*.

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College is just like a laundry—you get out of it what you put in to it—only you never recognize it. —Kentucky Kernel.

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From behind the Iron Curtain.

"Any cold cuts today?" the worker's wife inq'd.

"No cold cuts till Tues," she was told at the cooperative grocery.

"What vegetables do you have?"

"No vegetables before Thurs."

"Can I have something, then, to bake with flour?"

"Not till Fri. We're all sold out today."

"Then why do you keep this food store open?"

"In the interest of the working class."—ALEXANDER JANTA, *Partners*.

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Behind the Iron Curtain a class of five boys was asked to define a tree:

The first wrote: "A tree is pretty." He was flunked as such an answer reveals esthetic, cosmopolitan, formalistic error.

The second wrote: "A tree casts a shadow." He was given a probationary D grade, since this answer indicates decadent-individualist weakness.

The third boy wrote: "A tree does not exist except as part of a forest." He was given a passing C grade.

The fourth boy wrote: "A tree is where all exploiters should hang." He was given a Very Good.

The fifth boy wrote: "A tree is one hundred rifle butts for the maintenance of peace." He rec'd an Excellent and was put at the head of the class.—JOHN B CRANE, *Omaha World-Herald*.

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A woman tourist in Africa was admiring a native warrior's necklace. "What are those things?" she asked.

"Alligator teeth, ma'am," repl'd the native.

"Oh, I see. I suppose they have the same value for your people that pearls do for us."

"Not quite," he ans'd gravely. "Anybody can open an oyster."—*Tit-Bits*, London. g

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The old lady kept her seat determinedly as the slowly moving congregation passed down the aisle to the church door.

"If everybody else would only do as I do, and sit quietly in their seats until everyone has left," she murmured, "there wouldn't be such a crush at the doors."—*IMP*. h

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I overheard the conversation between two youngsters on their way home from school.

"Oh, boy," one of them said, "I hope that my dad doesn't have a pr of red and green glasses at home."

"Why?" the other asked.

"I just got a three-D report card."—Mrs W T BOOKSH, Jr, *Dirie Roto Mag*. i

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Once, on his vacation, Booth Tarkington met an irascible fellow guest who was eternally complaining about something.

"What makes you so mad at the world?" Tarkington demanded.

"A man's entitled to at least two good hates a yr!" the grouch repl'd.

"Maybe," the novelist agreed. "But must each last six mo's?"—*Christian Science Monitor*. j

Tommy was tired of the arithmetic lesson. He was waiting for the teacher to correct his sums so that he could go.

"Your last answer is wrong," the teacher said. "You must stay behind."

Tommy glanced at the clock. "How much am I out, sir?" he asked.

"Fivepence," was the reply.

Tommy put his hand in his pocket and produced fivepence.

"I'm in a hurry, sir," he said.

"Do you mind if I pay the difference?"—*Tit-Bits*, London. k



#### Germ of Untruth

*Some Bacteria Only Play Dead.*  
—Newspaper headline.

Bacteria are dread things,  
Bacteria are slick.

They act at times like dead things  
But aren't so much as sick.

They close their little eyes up,  
They grow all pale and stiff,  
Then suddenly they rise up  
And throw you off a cliff.

Like possums they play possum  
And act as if they're hurt,  
Then once again they blossom,  
Prepared to do you dirt.

Don't let a wee germ fool you  
With droopy, listless head.  
It's hale, and as a rule you  
Will be the one who's dead.

A 1st-grader came home from school one day and announced excitedly, "They've got a magic record player at our school!"

"A magic record player?" asked his mother, puzzled.

"Yes," explained the boy. "You don't have to plug it into electricity. You don't even need electricity to make it play. All you do is wind up a crank!"—*R & R Mag.*  
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A sultry blonde was seated in the witness chair. Her dress showed more of her than otherwise. As she crossed one leg and then the other, the dress crept up. The judge was just about to tell her to step down when her lawyer spoke. "Your honor, I've just thought of something."

The judge gave him a look, then glanced at the girl, and retorted, "I don't believe there's one man in this courtroom who hasn't."—*R E MARTIN, Future.* m

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Mrs Blank, pres of the state SPCA, was horrified on her way to town to hear the language used by a peddler who was addressing his balky horse. After watching him a moment to be sure her ears had not deceived her, she said: "How dare you use such language to that poor horse? And in front of a lady, too!"

"I can't help it," retorted the exasperated driver. "And if you were a *real* lady you couldn't understand half what I said!" n

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## Quote-ettes

HARRY S. TRUMAN, commenting on proposed visit to Washington: "I'm not planning to see anybody I don't want to see." (Asked if he would stop by the White House, Mr Truman ans'd: "Mr Eisenhower doesn't have time to see every Tom, Dick or Harry that comes to Washington.") 1-Q-t

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LIONEL BARRYMORE, actor, announcing a new syndicated newspaper feature: "People think I'm a sweet old man. Wait until they start reading my column!" 2-Q-t

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## News of the **NEW**

An air conditioner with a cabinet that can "match" any room. It's designed so that you can wallpaper the whole unit if you like. It comes in 3 models: half, three-quarter and one-ton cooling capacities. (Cory Corp'n, 221 N La-Salle, Chicago 1, Ill)

Homemakers can now buy an adjustable steel-casement-window frame in which any standard-room air-conditioner unit can be quickly installed without cutting, welding, or adding special at-

tachments. Old casement frames must be removed to install the adjustable steel frame. (The Steelcraft Mfg Co, Rossmoyne, Ohio)

A portable unit small as a hassock humidifies air in winter, dehumidifies it in the summer, plugs into any standard electric outlet. Electric heater inside plastic water container evaporates three gallons of water a day. Water is removed from air by condensation coils. (Popular Mechanics Mag, 200 E Ontario St, Chicago 11, Ill)

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